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Rahab the harlot said to the two spies that came from Joshua,
“Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, 13 and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.”
Josh 2:12-13

It should be noted that Rahab always **opened her home for men to lay down**. Joshua 2:1 says, the two spies that Joshua sent to Jericho **“...went, and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab, and lodged there.”** As a woman of the world, she knew how to take care of men. These men of Israel were no exception, yet in this case, one kindness deserves another. What did she did she really want from them?

Josh 2:8-14
8 Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof, 9 and said to the men: **“I know that the LORD has given you the land,** that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are fainthearted because of you. 10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the other side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we heard these things, our hearts melted; neither did there remain any more courage in anyone because of you, for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. 12 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, 13 and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.”

14 So the men answered her, "Our lives for yours, if none of you tell this business of ours. And it shall be, when the LORD has given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with you." NKJV

I. Rahab's Condition

She knew what she wanted.

- She had heard and believed in the promises of God to his people
- She knew that the terror had fallen on them
- She knew that the inhabitants of the land were fainthearted
- She had heard how the LORD had delivered His people from the mighty Pharaoh....
- She knew that the hearts of the people were melted when they heard the things of God.
- She remembered there remained no more courage; they lost all strength for acting in fear and dread
- She spoke with assurance of the truth of the promises God made to the fathers – “that The LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.”
- She knew how to beg for mercy; She was “solicitous in making an interest for herself with the Israelites and courted their kindness” (Matthew Henry's Commentary)
- She knew they could deliver the lives of her family from death

God meets man at a point of his greatest need.

II. Rahab's Conviction

She realized what she needed.

- She was a business woman with a GREATER need than what money could buy.
- She expressed her greatest desire, in her own words, **“show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token.”**
- She was not asking for money, but for mercy. The Hebrew word for “mercy” is also translated in Ps. 51:1 as “mercy,” “loving-kindness” and “tender mercies.”

III. Rahab's Confession

She found what she needed.

- She was a *business woman of harlotry* who became a *blessed woman of holiness*.
- She later became the mother of Boaz in the book of Ruth, and the great grand mother of King David. Look at Ruth 4:20-21 and Matt. 1:5-6.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

WHAT IS OUR GREATEST NEED?

- Man's greatest need is forgiveness of sins, Ps. 130:3-4; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 5:8, 12; Col. 2:12
- Man needs a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, John 10:10
- Man needs true fellowship with God and others, 1 John 1:5
- Man needs to trust God for daily provision, Phil. 4:19

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